

SHB 1745 - H AMD 318

By Representative Orcutt

NOT CONSIDERED

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

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4 "Sec. 1. RCW 47.56.403 and 2011 c 367 s 709 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The department may provide for the establishment,
7 construction, and operation of a pilot project of high occupancy toll
8 lanes on state route 167 high occupancy vehicle lanes within King
9 county. The department may issue, buy, and redeem bonds, and deposit
10 and expend them; secure and remit financial and other assistance in
11 the construction of high occupancy toll lanes, carry insurance, and
12 handle any other matters pertaining to the high occupancy toll lane
13 pilot project.

14 (2) Tolls for high occupancy toll lanes will be established as
15 follows:

16 (a) The schedule of toll charges for high occupancy toll lanes
17 must be established by the transportation commission and collected in
18 a manner determined by the commission.

19 (b) Toll charges shall not be assessed on transit buses and
20 vanpool vehicles owned or operated by any public agency.

21 (c) The department shall establish performance standards for the
22 state route 167 high occupancy toll lane pilot project. The
23 department must automatically adjust the toll charge, using dynamic
24 tolling, to ensure that toll-paying single-occupant vehicle users are
25 only permitted to enter the lane to the extent that average vehicle
26 speeds in the lane remain above forty-five miles per hour at least
27 ninety percent of the time during peak hours. The toll charge may

1 vary in amount by time of day, level of traffic congestion within the
2 highway facility, vehicle occupancy, or other criteria, as the
3 commission may deem appropriate. The commission may also vary toll
4 charges for single-occupant inherently low-emission vehicles such as
5 those powered by electric batteries, natural gas, propane, or other
6 clean burning fuels.

7 (d) The commission shall periodically review the toll charges to
8 determine if the toll charges are effectively maintaining travel time,
9 speed, and reliability on the highway facilities.

10 (3) The department shall monitor the state route 167 high
11 occupancy toll lane pilot project and shall annually report to the
12 transportation commission and the legislature on operations and
13 findings. At a minimum, the department shall provide facility use
14 data and review the impacts on:

15 (a) Freeway efficiency and safety;

16 (b) Effectiveness for transit;

17 (c) Person and vehicle movements by mode;

18 (d) Ability to finance improvements and transportation services
19 through tolls; and

20 (e) The impacts on all highway users. The department shall
21 analyze aggregate use data and conduct, as needed, separate surveys to
22 assess usage of the facility in relation to geographic, socioeconomic,
23 and demographic information within the corridor in order to ascertain
24 actual and perceived questions of equitable use of the facility.

25 (4) The department shall modify the pilot project to address
26 identified safety issues and mitigate negative impacts to high
27 occupancy vehicle lane users.

28 (5) Authorization to impose high occupancy vehicle tolls for the
29 state route 167 high occupancy toll pilot project expires if either of
30 the following two conditions apply:

31 (a) If no contracts have been let by the department to begin
32 construction of the toll facilities associated with this pilot project
33 within four years of July 24, 2005; or

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1 (b) If high occupancy vehicle tolls are being collected on June
2 30, 2013.

3 (6) If the department's tolling authorization expires under
4 subsection (5) of this section, the department shall convert any high
5 occupancy toll lanes into general purpose lanes.

6 (7) The department of transportation shall adopt rules that allow
7 automatic vehicle identification transponders used for electronic toll
8 collection to be compatible with other electronic payment devices or
9 transponders from the Washington state ferry system, other public
10 transportation systems, or other toll collection systems to the extent
11 that technology permits.

12 ~~((7))~~(8) The conversion of a single existing high occupancy
13 vehicle lane to a high occupancy toll lane as proposed for SR-167 must
14 be taken as the exception for this pilot project.

15 ~~((8))~~(9) A violation of the lane restrictions applicable to the
16 high occupancy toll lanes established under this section is a traffic
17 infraction.

18 ~~((9))~~(10) Procurement activity associated with this pilot
19 project shall be open and competitive in accordance with *chapter
20 39.29 RCW."

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22 Correct the title.

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EFFECT: Strikes the underlying bill which (1) removed
expiration provisions from the tolling authorization given to the
Department; (2) allowed the Department to extend high occupancy
tolling lanes into Pierce county; and (3) removed the "pilot
project" designation from the project.

Requires that, when the tolling authorization expires, the
Department convert the high occupancy toll lanes on state route 167
into general purpose lanes.

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